

## Office of the Governor

August 11, 2009

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling  
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, DC 20230

RE: State Broadband Mapping Grant  
Letter of State Designation for Wyoming

Dear Mr. Strickling:

On July 1, 2009, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) issued a Notice of Fund Availability (NOFA) for State Broadband Mapping Grant in Docket No. 0660-ZA29.

This letter hereby designates LinkAMERICA, under its 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor organization, the Puget Sound Center, as the designated entity to apply for and receive federal funds under the State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), P.L. 111-5 and the Broadband Data Improvement Act (BDIA), Title 1 of P.L. 110-385, 122 Stat. 4096.

The BDIA indicates that states can designate one single eligible entity to conduct broadband planning and mapping for the state. Further, the Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) issued by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) on July 1, 2009 expressly allows for non-profit organizations to be such a designated entity for the state. According to the NOFA, applications for funding under the BDIA and ARRA require every eligible applicant to submit a letter of state designation. This letter is intended to serve that purpose for the State of Wyoming.

As Governor of the State of Wyoming, I do hereby designate LinkAMERICA as the authorized entity for mapping and planning broadband availability in Wyoming.

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Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Freudenthal", with a large, stylized flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Dave Freudenthal  
Governor

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